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The Bible Made America What She Is

America rests upon four cornerstones: The English Bible, the English language, the common law, and the tradition of liberty. But liberty, language, and law might have been drawn from the Bible alone. Had we brought nothing with us across the sea besides this supreme Book, we might still have been great. Without this Book, America could not have become what she is and when she loses its guidance and wisdom, she will be America no more.

Did we bring the Bible to these shores? Did it not rather bring us? The breath of ancient prophets was in the sails that drove the tiny Mayflower. The hope and faith of ancient poets, kings, and lawgivers were in the hearts of those who first sang the Lord's song in this strange land. Our first dim outlines of a commonwealth in the Western World were drawn "as near as might be to that which was the glory of Israel."

From those beginnings until now the Bible has been a teacher to our best men, a rebuke to our worst, and a noble companion to us all.—Christian Advocate.





EDITORIAL...

Redemption Through His Blood

The word from which "redemption" is derived occurs seventeen times, in its various forms, in Holy Scripture. One definition of redemption is "a deliverance procured by the payment of a ransom."

A few weeks ago the United States, and, no doubt, many other liberty-loving countries of the United Nations, were terribly shocked over the demand of the Hungarian Government that the United States of America pay a ransom of \$120,000 for the release of four of our soldiers who were forced to land their plane on their territory. The demand was labeled as unjustifiable, blackmail, and many other things, which reflected the resentment of the astounded American public. The \$120,000 was paid, and the men were set free, to their delight, the joy of their families, and the happiness of freedom-loving people throughout the world. If the ransom had not been paid, there would have been ninety more days added to the forty that they had already spent in prison.

This is really a fitting picture of what the devil does to those whom he has in bondage. The ransom price, however, that he demands is much greater than \$30,000 American money per individual. In fact Peter informs us that it is impossible for silver and gold to redeem a person from the clutches of the devil. Notice what he says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." All of the gold of Fort Knox, Ky., added to all the gold and silver elsewhere in the United States and throughout the world, could not be an adequate ransom price for the redemption of one lost soul. But the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was

shed "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Therefore, the only requisite for the sin-bound, Satan-held peoples of the earth, regardless of age, color, or location, is that they believe in Him, for it is in Him that we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sin (Col. 1:14). Again we read in Eph. 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (and notice) according to the riches of his grace"—not riches of silver and gold or properties, but riches of His grace; that is, it was God's benevolent kindness toward us in the gift of His Son and the kindness of Jesus Christ in that He gave Himself to redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Titus 2:14). You remember the Lord Jesus said of Himself, "For the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many," Matt. 20:28. On one occasion Paul was writing to the church at Corinth, and he said, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption," 1 Cor. 1:30. Not only that, but he said in Eph. 1:14, that we, as God's people, are a purchased possession. Purchased how? With the precious blood of Christ Jesus, the ransom price for every soul. You remember that under the law, when the children of Israel were numbered, God instructed Moses to take from "every man the ransom for his soul, an half a shekel (32 cents), for an offering to the Lord," Exod. 30:12-16. This was really a type of the rightful appreciation that lost souls, redeemed by the "ransoming blood of Jesus," would render to Him. Much of our appreciation for spiritual benefits is shown by temporal means.

There was another phase of redemption under the Mosaic law that

strikes us with great profundity, and that is that the person who was in slavery because of his debts could only be freed (redeemed) by a close kinsman. This is set forth impressively in Lev. 25:47-49: "And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: after that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself." It is doubtful that any one was ever able to "redeem himself"; therefore, some kinsman had to redeem him. In the sinner's case, no one has ever been able to "redeem himself," for there is redemption in none other than Jesus Christ and His blood. Therefore, it is wonderful to think of Christ condescending to be made flesh—Jesus—that He might redeem us, not with the blood of bulls and goats and heifers, or with the blood of some other individual, but with His own precious blood. No wonder the writer of Hebrews said, "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sons of the people." In other words, He was both High Priest and the Sacrifice, and, after shedding and offering His blood, He ever liveth to make intercession for us. Further, as the ever-living High Priest, He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

It is comforting to know that this great redemption may be realized now by every human being. In fact, we may have the earnest of our redemption—the Spirit, who also is the seal of our redemption (Eph. 4:30). Further, Paul informed the Romans and us that redemption includes in it also the human body; in fact, all creation. Note what he says: "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaill-

eth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body," Rom. 8:22, 23. Therefore, redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ is for both soul and body. In our fall we forfeited all freedom to the servitude of sin and Satan. In Christ we have spiritual and physical redemption; the earth and lower animals, also. In this connection we think of redemption as illustrated in the Old Testament by Israel's deliverance from Egypt through Moses and the ransom by the Passover lamb. One of the most touching passages of scripture, to my mind, is this: "Strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning," Exod. 12:22. Exodus means "a way out," and the book shows how God made a way out of Egyptian bondage for His people. What was the way out? The way out was by the blood of the lambs, and the only way out today from spiritual bondage, and eventually physical bondage, is by the blood of God's Lamb. One is impressed with the fact that the book of Exodus opens with the groans of the slaves, and closes with the glory of God in the midst of the redeemed slaves. Something was responsible for this great change. What was it? The answer is, the blood of the lambs made the change. Notice, they were to stay under the blood all the night, even until the morning. This should bring home to us the fact that all through the night of this dark age we must keep under the blood of the Lamb until the morning is made bright by His glorious coming. The first thing they were to do was to put the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts. The blood on the lintel typified their protection from the wrath of God that was coming upon Egypt. The blood on the doorposts represented a separation from Egypt and its sins. Therefore, the central means of their deliverance from Egypt was the lamb and its blood. The lamb typifies Christ, who is our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7, 8). You will notice that in the mention of the lambs, and some say that there were no fewer than 250,000 slain, yet they were all spoken of as it, for they all typified one Lamb, the Lamb of God, which John said was to take away the sin of the

world. In fact, the very month, the very day, and the very hour of the day when Christ Jesus should die was set forth on that solemn occasion, for it was on the fourteenth day of the first month, between the two evenings when Christ Jesus died.

The putting of the leaven out of the house impresses us with the fact that we are not only to have the blood as a covering of our sins—actual transgressions—but also the blood in purging, sanctifying power. Leaven typified tendencies toward evil, inherited sin, the harboring of evil doctrine, and the putting it out sets forth the fact that sanctification must follow justification or the forgiveness of our sins, and both came only through the blood. First, the blood of forgiveness—blood on the lintel; second, the blood of sanctification—blood on the doorposts, the second application of the blood; then the cleansing and moving of the leaven out was truly in keeping with the work of sanctification. God demands holiness of heart and life. Had the Israelites not obeyed the Passover instructions to the letter, they would not have escaped death and Egypt. Obeying God's Word to the letter is also our only hope of salvation. Those who are born again by the blood of Jesus, and, without hesitation, plead for the blood in sanctifying power to put the leaven out of their lives, are more able to live unhindered, unhampered, devoted Christian lives. There are many, however, who content themselves with only the knowledge of the fact that their sins, actual transgressions, have been blotted out. It is to be remembered gratefully that sanctification was provided in God's great redemptive plan to meet the demand of the sin principle in our lives as surely as forgiveness through the blood of Christ Jesus is to meet the redemptive demands of our sins—actual transgressions. Notice 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us remember that the wrath of God was kept back from the Israelitish homes, not only because the blood was on the lintel and doorposts, but because the blood was over clean homes, homes free from leaven. How were the Israelites delivered from Egypt and death to reach Canaan, the land of promise? And how are we delivered from the sinful world and the power of the second death, with

full assurance of reaching heaven and God? The answer is, REDEEMING BLOOD! And when we all reach the home of the soul, we shall sing together, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth," Rev. 5:9, 10.

Until that glorious day shall come, we will sing:

*There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood*

Lose all their guilty stains.

*The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, tho' vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

*Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stam'ring
tongue,*

Lies silent in the grave.

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The Pattern for Personal Pentecost

By Paul Horne, Pastor, New Bern, N. C.

A building may be built without a pattern, blueprint, or plan, and there is a chance it may turn out all right. But who wants to take such a chance? One might spend many months of time and thousands of dollars, only to have to tear it all down and begin over. Jesus said, "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost?" The tower was a common building and cheaply built. Certainly, He is showing us the wisdom of having a plan and knowing the cost before we begin. I certainly believe there would be fewer false experiences if everyone would be told exactly the cost and shown the full pattern for a personal Pentecost.

Twice in the 24th chapter of Exodus, verses 9 and 40, God told Moses to be sure to make the tabernacle according to the PATTERN shown in the mount. The entire type of redemption would have fallen apart had he failed to do so. A close study of Acts will show our pattern. This is a pattern that will work. It will fit your case. Millions have tried it and it worked. If you want the baptism of the Holy Ghost, your personal Pentecost, here is how to get the blessing. DON'T STOP TILL YOU GET THERE.

I. Personal Experience.

1. You will have to be saved. Verse 37. There is no way to really be saved until you repent. Jesus began His ministry by saying, "Repent and believe the gospel," Mark 1:15. He also said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3. There have been many sermons published showing that the disciples were saved before Pentecost, but I want to call attention again to a few absolute proofs.

(a) Jesus had power (authority) on earth to forgive sins. (Mark 2:2-12). If He would forgive anyone, certainly He would forgive those who loved Him and followed Him.

(b) Jesus had power to bring salvation. Luke 19:9, "Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house." He would not have brought salvation to Zacchaeus, and refused it to His own, whom He loved

unto the end.

(c) He said their names were written in heaven. (Luke 10:20.) There are many more proofs if one should want them. The foundation for all blessings from the Lord is regeneration, the new birth, or, to put it all in one word, getting SAVED.

2. In our pattern we are shown we should be sanctified "and be baptized." Baptism is certainly a type of sanctification, death to self and the world, buried and raised to walk in newness of life. Brother Bright, in his book on the baptism of the Holy Ghost, certainly makes it clear that the Bible shows, in order that we may have the Baptism, we must have all removed from us that the Holy Ghost cannot fellowship when He is come. Notice also.

(a) Jesus' prayer, "Sanctify them . . . That they all may be one," John 17:17-21. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE," Acts 2. I believe the Bible shows that there were more than 120 saved people in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, but only that number were sanctified

and ready for their personal Pentecost.

II. Personal Prayers.

Acts 1:14, "These all continued in prayers and supplication." This is a major essential — PRAYER. Other things have a place, but prayer around the altar is the most essential of all things—may it never become a lost art! It is easier to exhort a seeker than to pray for him. It's easier to do any of the other things that we do around the altar than to really offer importunate intercession for those seeking the baptism. But it is necessary to ask. The Holy Ghost is promised to those who will ask for Him (Luke 11:13). I believe we can do no greater service to those seeking the Pentecostal experience than to pray, and then PRAY AGAIN.

III. Personal Praise.

Luke 24:53, "And were continually in the Temple, praising and blessing God." We cannot trade just so much praise for the baptism, but when we have prayed and obeyed, and have faith to believe, and are seeking and expecting to find, knocking and ex-

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PATHWAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE



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Our Subscribers Write ...

As I am renewing my subscription, I want to say that the paper is a godsend to me, as I live quite a way from the Church of God and can't attend service every Sunday. I'm still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for all He does for us. He healed me of gallstones last December. I'm visiting the county hospital once a week, giving out literature, and I enjoy so much witnessing to the people about the Lord. I'm from Louisiana and should like to hear from the people there who would care to write to me.—Mrs. Maude Goodson, 419 Howard Street, Martinez, Calif.

Tho' not so aged, I have belonged to the church for 39 years and have loved it all this time. I am sending you \$6.00 for subscriptions to the **Evangel**. I cannot get along without the **Evangel**. Since I am deaf, it is a source of spiritual food to me. It gets better all the time. Many are praying for my hearing to be restored. Pray for us up here in Michigan, especially the Lansing Church. We are expecting great things for the church here although it has been discouraging at times. My son, Dr. David Zaukelles, Ph. D., is church clerk here at present. May God continue to richly bless you.—Ethel Smithyall Zaukelles, Box 952, Lansing, Mich.

SCRIPTURAL DOCTRINE VERSUS COMMANDMENTS OF MEN

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9.

The seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church are as follows:

1. The Sacrament of Water Baptism.
2. The Sacrament of Holy Communion or the Eucharist.
3. The Sacrament of Confirmation.
4. The Sacrament of Penance.
5. The Sacrament of Orders.
6. The Sacrament of Matrimony.
7. The Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

"Yes, these Seven—no more and no less."

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?

The only Sacrament of the New Testament is that which memorializes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—His broken body and shed blood, our ONLY atonement for sin.

Christ cites us to the bread and the wine, Matthew 26:26-29; and water baptism, Matthew 28:19. Only two—no more and no less.—"Items of Interest" sent in by Editor, *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*.

PRAYER WOKE ME UP

For years I had been a strong believer in a local church of which my parents and relatives were members. A day came when a holiness revival came to our community, and how I persecuted those saints of God was a shame. I attended their meetings to hear the singing and most of all to get something to talk about. Each night I would say I wouldn't go back, but the next night I decided to go back one more time. I became uncertain about my belief. One night the Holy Ghost worked through a sister, and it seemed to me her face was a shining light. A lady asked me to go to the altar, and I went just to get away from her. I tried to pray, but thought of my brothers in the congregation and what they thought of

me. They knew I was a firm believer in our family church. So I went back to my seat.

During the following days my heart became so troubled I began to pray for God to show me what to do. The Bible took on a new meaning to me. I became so hungry for knowledge that I prayed and battled with myself most of the day. I began living as near right as I knew how, but I knew there was still something I lacked. I didn't have the joy and peace for which my heart longed. We moved about three miles from town, so it was impossible for me to go to church. I became so miserable I got the address of a preacher I had heard of and got him to hold services at my house each week. About the third service we had, God gloriously saved me. That was the happiest moment of my life, when I knew this salvation was real. About two weeks after I was saved God baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire, and I united with the Church of God, which I love dearly. That was about three years ago, and I still praise the Lord for helping me to see the way.—Mrs. Magdalene Wiggins, Bay Minette, Ala.

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OH, PRAISE THE LORD!

PICKINS, S. C.—I praise God for healing my body when I was so weak I could hardly go.—Mrs. W. A. Coster.

INTERESTING REPORTS

CHURCH IN HENDERSONVILLE RAPIDLY ADVANCING

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—Sis. Hillhouse came to Hendersonville, N. C., on November 28 to begin a revival. The weather was bad, and many people were hindered by the snow, sleet and rain. But the revival was successful; many said it was the best in years.

Sister Hillhouse seemed to be especially anointed for each message which not only reached the sinners but stirred the church as well. Many were healed, saved, sanctified, and twelve were filled with the Holy Ghost. God met the need in every way. We say with others who have secured Sister Hillhouse for a revival that she will be a blessing wherever she goes.

God has wonderfully blessed our church here in Hendersonville since Brother M. J. White came. He is a good, humble man and a man of prayer. Since he became our pastor, the church is rapidly advancing under his inspired leadership. We have installed a new heating system in our church, which we have been needing for years. We have also painted the inside of our church and made many other improvements.

As members at Hendersonville, we are always thankful to God for His many blessings.—Church Reporter.

CHURCH AT ABILENE, TEXAS, ABUNDANTLY BLESSED

ABILENE, Texas.—Rev. W. D. Vandant came to pastor the church here in September, 1950. At that time there were only 15 in Sunday School, with a record attendance of 47. We now have 72 in Sunday School and 19 members. We have improved the church building with plastered walls, hardwood floors, floor furnace, new pews, air conditioning, Sunday School rooms, remodeled entrance, and at present are purchasing a new piano. God has blessed and added to the church abundantly. We appreciate our pastor and the success the church is realizing.—Edna E. Phillips, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School.

CALIFORNIA PRAYER CONFERENCE

The year of 1951 is now history. It was an epoch-making year for the Church of God in California, marked by outstanding events. Among these was the prayer conference which was held at the Porterville church, December 11, 12, with Brother H. B. Thompson as host pastor. From the very first service one was reminded of the Day of Pentecost. Brother C. M. Taylor, pastor at Santa Ana, brought the first message. The brethren were moved to receive a love offering for Brother Edward Harrison, who had to attend the conference on a cot. Such an expression of love met with God's approval, and before the conference closed Brother Harrison was healed.

Also, during this service a liberal love offering was given to our good state overseer, H. B. Ramsey. On the last day of the conference we enjoyed a very timely message by Brother J. H. Whipple, pas'or of Salinas, on "Present Threats to the Church by Communism, Catholicism, and Worldliness." In the afternoon Brother L. L. Johnson, pastor and superintendent of the West Coast Bible School at Fresno, thrilled the conference with a message on "God's Saving and Healing Power." Your reporter gave the closing message of the conference. Space will not permit mentioning all the special singers and all the others who helped to make this the greatest prayer conference California has ever had. We came from the conference with more determination than ever to do great things for God and His church.—J. R. Freeman, Pastor, Long Beach, Calif.

Clerk Says . . .

PITTSBURGH CHURCH MAKES GREATEST PROGRESS IN HISTORY

God's measure is always pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Truly I can say this of the mighty blessings God has given His people of the McCandless Avenue Church of God, Pittsburgh, Penn. Since August, 1951, when Brother R. Verrico came to be our pastor, we have enjoyed the greatest progress in the history of our church. Being a new church in a very strong Catholic district, the progress seemed to be slow, and the people of the district were weary of our being there. But Brother Verrico and several of our good people have canvassed the community, telling the people about God's blessing both in healing of bodies and saving of souls, until now, the talk of Lawrenceville district is the McCandless Avenue Church of God. During a most successful revival with Brother Walter Skutar, the Lord blessed in adding 25 members, saving many, and giving many the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Truly our church is stirred for Christ and His cause. More love for the brethren is manifested, and the people are anxious to pray, work, and do God's will.

The Y. P. E. has purchased a beautiful Hammond electric organ. Our church is having a new roof put on, has completed a very spacious eight-room, two-bath parsonage that is valued at twenty thousand dollars, and completely furnished the parsonage with the best of furniture, including an automatic washing machine. The offerings are greater than ever, and there is an excess in the tithes fund. We have received \$2,085.66 in the building fund, with over \$800.00 pledged at our home-coming to be paid by November 1.

The first Sunday Brother Roland Verrico was with us, we had twenty-

seven out for Sunday School. Within four short weeks we increased to one hundred and thirty-one in attendance. Offerings in Sunday School have increased from fifteen dollars to as high as seventy-two dollars for one week. We have made four more new Sunday School rooms and are ready to complete four more in the basement of our church.

Our church appreciates Brother and Sister Verrico and their fine family.—Oliver J. Deemer.

MARION, S. C., Y. P. E. HAS SUCCESSFUL CONTEST

I received a long-distance telephone call from Rev. Paul Brady, pastor, Marion, S. C., telling me about their "AROUND THE WORLD CONTEST," which the Y. P. E. had just concluded. Sis. Brady and Sis. Wallace were the leaders or the group captains on this tour. They broke their old Y. P. E. record with 375 in attendance, and had an offering of \$102.87, the last night of the contest. The result of the short contest was great. The total offerings amounted to \$250.00. They secured 28 *Evangel* subscriptions. The enthusiasm ran high. This is a fine achievement when you consider the church with 137 members. Mr. Ralph Gasque, State Senator, told the pastor to order 100 song books and send him the bill for it. CONGRATULATIONS TO MARION AND THE LEADERS OF THIS CONTEST!—Brady Dennis, State Youth Director.

LOGAN, W. Va.—Pastor George Underwood, at Logan, W. Va., writes: We have been busy since coming here, trying to get our new parsonage built. I believe we shall have the nicest parsonage in the State of West Virginia when it is completed. It will have 8 rooms, with two modern baths. The walls will be plastered, and the floors will be of oak, with modern light fixtures. The outside will be eight-inch weather boarding. The front will be of permastone from the ground up to the gable. The basement will be full size, for garage and laundry room. When the landscaping and finishing touches are completed, counting the lot, it will be valued at \$15,000. We are also having \$3,500 worth of pews and church furniture made of select oak. The tithes last month broke all records. They ran over a thousand dollars. That is not too bad for this church. Really, the Lord has been and still is good to us, for which we praise Him.

GOD HAS BEEN VERY REAL

HARAHAN, La.—Surely led by the hand of the Lord, the little prayer group, of perhaps a dozen saints of God, meeting in private homes in the vicinity of Harahan, La., within a month's time evolved into a definite mission with a definite place of worship. Now, three months from the time of our first gathering, the mission is the Harahan Church of God. Several years ago, in 1947, God placed a burden upon the heart of

Sister Trayal, of South Carolina, for the establishment of this work. Sister Trayal was visiting here at that time and she was able to see the need of a full gospel church in this section, as there was none. She is now awaiting the transfer of her membership from the Charleston, S. C., Church of God to the church which she has helped to establish here.

Brother Albert Ruiz has been our faithful shepherd from the very start, and is now our pastor. Brother Ruiz, through God's leadership, has started several Pentecostal churches, and two in New Orleans are standing firm today. The New Orleans Spain Street Church of God has been co-operating with us in getting this work started.

We prayed for musicians, and God sent us Brother Owen McManus and his wife. He called them home from South Carolina to help with this work, and definitely showed them it was His will. Brother Owen's preaching has surely helped to keep the revival fires burning in our hearts. We prayed for souls, and God answered in a wonderful way, for it was for this purpose he established this church in a place sorely in need of the full gospel. Nine have been saved, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. God has been very real and ever present in our services. His

guiding hand has been felt in this work by each and every one of us. Pray that we will remain bound together in love, in one mind and of one accord, humbly behind the foot of the cross, so that God may continue to use us for His glory.—Lucille J. Wilbratte, Clerk.

WISCONSIN NEWS

I should like to pass on to you some of the things that are being accomplished in the State of Wisconsin. Our dear Brother Garnett, who is now pastoring at Mosinee, Wisc., has been doing a wonderful job in both material and spiritual aspects of the church. First of all, they have gained, in a little more than eight months, 20 new members, and several new families are coming out to their services. I was privileged to be there when they opened the service for new members and was delighted to see 10 people unite with the church that night. In the material part of the church they are also gaining by leaps and bounds. They have newly decorated the church both on the inside and out, and with Brother Garnett having been an interior decorator by trade, certainly no words could express the true beauty that has been done on the inside of their building. Also, they have built a new garage, put in a new water sys-

tem, a shower, and several more things. Hats off to the people of Mosinee!—Bill Heron, State Youth Director of Wisconsin.

VIRGINIA'S RADIO BROADCASTS

James Clark, 9:00 to 9:30 a. m., Sunday—WARL, Alexandria.
Fred Hopkins, 7:30 to 8:00 a. m. Sunday—WBOB, Galax.
L. S. Haymore, 2-2:30 p. m. Sunday—WRAD, Radford.
Edgar Mastin, 10:30-11:00 a. m. Saturday—WAYB, Waynesboro.
J. C. Hodges, 7:00-7:30 a. m., Sunday—WMEV, Marion.
J. G. Perry, 3-3:30 p. m., Sunday—WHAP, Hopewell.
N. G. Smiddy, 6:30-6:45 a. m., Monday through Saturday—WKQY, Bluefield.
Hazel Jennings, 9:15 a. m., Sunday—WBOB, Galax.
Revival Hour, S. E. Jennings, 7:30 a. m., Sunday—WSAP, Portsmouth.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATISTICAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, '51

Tithes of Tithes	\$3,951.55
Total membership in state	11,506
No. revival conducted	23
No. ministers reported	234
No. sermons preached	1,721
No. homes visited	7,394
No. converted	705
No. sanctified	305
No. baptized with Holy Ghost	190
No. baptized in water	48
No. added to church	215

HOMERVILLE, GA., MAKING PROGRESS



HOMERVILLE, Ga.—We should like to share with the *Evangel* readers the good news of how God is blessing the work here in Homerville. We entered the Sunday School contest sponsored by *Christian Life* magazine beginning October 21 and continuing through November 25. God really blessed in a wonderful way and inspired all His people here with a great spirit of co-operation. We really appreciate this fine band of people at Homerville. Prior to the contest, our record attendance for Sunday School stood at 225, this being a home-coming day. On the second Sunday of the contest

this was broken when God blessed us to have 228 in attendance. This new record was again broken on the last Sunday of the contest with a number of 285. This far exceeds our peak attendance goal for the contest which we set at 230. We also set an average attendance goal of 160 for the period of the contest. This was also exceeded by an average for the 6 weeks' period of 200. This great success was only possible by the wonderful helping grace of God and the cooperation of the people. We feel that the Church of God in Homerville is making steady

progress under the able leadership of Rev. J. E. Davis. We appreciate his ministry and are anticipating even greater things as we continue to keep our faith in God. Our aim is to move our Sunday School from a grade C to at least A or AA. We are interested in the prayers of God's people everywhere that we at Homerville can continue to grow and prosper, not for any honor we might receive, but for the glory of God. The picture was taken on the final day of our contest when we had 285 in Sunday School.—Maltland Smith, Sunday School Supt.



Text: Matt. 24:45-47.

This subject may seem a bit unfamiliar, but I hope it will portray the thought I wish to express in this article. **Entrepreneur** is a French word very nearly equivalent to our English word **proprietor**. It is a descriptive title of a person who invests money, energy, and time in a business which he combines with labor and natural resources to produce certain commodities or services. Such a person is not necessarily the sole owner but he does have certain investments and takes certain risks, as well as assisting in promotion. As entrepreneur, he has many functions and responsibilities to the enterprise which he operates. I am using this commercial term in a spiritual sense, applying it to the duties and responsibilities of preachers, teachers, and workers for the church. All of us have invested something in the Lord's work—the risk of failure is ever present; the reward is great if we win; and, certainly, we are endeavoring to promote the Lord's business in such a way as to win for Him.

There are many duties and responsibilities that may devolve on the entrepreneur. It is his job to see that everything runs well, from the smallest matter to those of greatest importance. For his work he may receive little praise or approbation if he does it well, but he is sure to bear the blame if things do not succeed. Not only must he see that every phase of the business functions properly, but also he must try to keep everyone in the organization working together harmoniously in the spirit of cooperation. He may find this to be no little job, as all pastors know very well. Jesus knew the importance of this work and spent much of His time organizing and instructing His disciples as to how to carry on in His absence. After Jesus' ascension, the work fell on their shoulders, and after them, on us. As God's entrepreneurs, how well are we performing for Him? How well are we running God's business? He

Faithful Entrepreneurship

By J. Duel Free, Treasurer and Business Manager, Lee College

has left our instructions—His Word—and the assistance of the Holy Ghost. By ourselves we can do nothing, but with His help we can do all things.

Paul said, "Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," Rom. 12:11. This means "zeal or earnestness." What Paul means is this: "In regard to your earnestness, see that you are not slothful." If many of us would sit down and think of how we go about our business and our Christian life, which ought to be our highest business, we would have great cause for embarrassment.

The entrepreneur may be a custodian. As such he is charged with certain obligations and is chargeable for the same. There may be a vast difference in charge and chargeability; however, they should agree. Charge is what the record shows; chargeability is what the facts actually are. They do not always balance is why audits are made. As custodians of spiritual things, we are accountable to God. We have been charged with one, two, or five talents, and are responsible for these. In our accounting systems, charges and chargeabilities may disagree, but not with God's. He keeps both the charges and chargeabilities, and He knows whether they agree. We were charged with certain values, such as a good body, good mind, good opportunities, and certain commandments to fulfill the duties and requirements to perform for God, ourselves and our fellowman. How well have we performed them?

The entrepreneur may also serve as treasurer and be charged with keeping records, for no business can properly function without records, which are the nerve center of business. Many businesses fail because of inadequate records. Proper records reveal a picture of the business at all times. Therefore, the accounting system must have adequate internal control and efficient operating personnel so as to prevent temptation by laxity. Our records show that we have experienced a phenomenal growth in the Church of God over a period of a few short years, for which we should very humbly praise Him who has given this signal victory.

God keeps records. Jesus said, "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven," and, "The hairs of your head are numbered." He has a system of internal control. The Holy Ghost working in our conscience acts as a barometer to warn us of evil that may be lurking near. The church is a source of correction, and, lastly, God

Himself has our record ever before Him. He knows what we are doing with the talents He has entrusted to our care. He knows if we have misappropriated them for selfish purposes, or if we are using them for His glory. God help us to keep our record in good order at all times. It is a common practice with businesses to have their records audited at least once each year, usually at the end of the fiscal period; however, they should be subject to audit at all times. Let us remember here that God makes a perpetual audit of the record of our lives at all times, the final audit coming when our years are finished.

When an auditor has completed the examination, he proceeds to take a trial balance and set forth certain adjusting entries preparatory to writing up his report on the status of the business. He has two important reports to make: one is a statement of operations, the other is a balance sheet showing the assets, liabilities, and capital of the business. Assets consist of cash and accounts receivable which are considered as current assets. Liabilities represent what the business owes to the entrepreneur and others. In our case, cash could represent the grace of God. How much favor with God do we have? and how much shall we have when the curtain of life falls? "His grace is sufficient." Do we have that sufficiency? How does our bank account stand in the grace of God?

What about accounts receivable? How much service have we given to others for which we may expect to be rewarded by the Giver of rewards? I like to think of accounts receivable as the promises of God. There are approximately thirty-two thousand promises of God to the faithful entrepreneur. How many of them are we going to be able to claim when our accounts receivable become due? He'll pay every legitimate claim on the books.

Now let us examine the liabilities. What about capital investment? Has this consisted of a lifetime of service? How much have we put into this business? Have we given our best? Have we been diligent, energetic, wide-awake, zealously working all the time? Paul says in Rom. 13:8-14, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another..." Our obligations of love embrace all men. We are bound by this rule to love everyone with whom we come in contact. It is not to select its objects according to our estimate of their loveliness. There is only one

way, however, to do this, and that is to put on the fulness of Christ.

Now let us examine the statement of operations. What kind of salesman are you? The larger the volume of sales, the greater the profits. A good salesman is valuable. He must know his product. How well do you know the Bible? Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The difference in income and expenses is profit. Does this statement show a profit or loss? Have we used the assets—talents—the Lord started us out in business with, together with a proper mixture of work, so that the operations show a profit? Remember, this business is spiritual. Has the income account, or sales, overbalanced

the expense account? Remember the question: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Paul exhorts: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5:15, 16. Some of us have, in all probability, very little more time to redeem—buy up. As we take stock and see how our account stands, let us make this a moment in which we determine where we are going, what we are doing, and how we are using the great gift of life. We live here to get ourselves and others to live yonder. If we succeed, it will be joy forever; but if we fail, it will be everlasting sorrow. May we resolve, as Jesus did, "I must be about my Father's business."

Is Lee College Dead Spiritually?

It has been stated that Lee College is a dead school, spiritually, and that the chapel services at Lee College certainly are lifeless. You, too, have probably heard such statements concerning the spiritual life of Lee College.

Why are such statements made? There may be several reasons, but one that seems to answer the question well enough is this: There are those who, before coming to Lee College, seemed to think we had a camp meeting the year round. They went to our chapel services expecting great demonstrations by the Spirit of God, and if the services were not as demonstrative as they thought they should be, they apparently became burdened for the spiritual awakening of Lee College.

Yes, there are those of our student body who are disappointed because the College does not conduct an evangelistic service every night, with the mighty power of God moving in a wonderful way. They seem to forget that they are not attending a nine months' revival or camp meeting, but an institution of learning, where the major portion of their time is to be spent in study.

Even though Lee College is an educational institution, prayer and the worship of God are among the foremost things on our daily program. Each class is begun with prayer, or sometimes with the singing of God's praises. Every day during the week, except Wednesday, we have our chapel service from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. These services are a blessing to those who will let them be. They are not always a service of spiritual demonstration, but they are a pause during

a busy day to give thanks and praise to God and ask His help through the remaining portion of the day.

On week-day nights, from six o'clock to seven o'clock, prayer meetings are held in various dormitories. These are real old-fashioned prayer meetings, in which all are revived in their souls, and some have been saved. These meetings present some examples as to the spiritual life at Lee College.

Then every year we have a week's revival, during which, at no time whatever, is the spirit of revival quenched for the sake of studies. These meetings may break out at any time. On Sunday night, February 12, 1950, the mighty power of God fell upon the congregation assembled for service in the auditorium. This began a revival which, I believe, was the greatest ever at Lee College. It continued for a full week, and classes were completely discontinued during that week. It was a week in which there was a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God, and many souls were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and baptized in water.

This past spring, 1951, we had what we called "Spiritual Emphasis Week," with Rev. Ray Hughes, a former student of Lee College, as our speaker. This series of meetings was conducted during our regular chapel services and usually continued many hours afterward. When time came for classes to meet, hardly anyone appeared for them. You could go to the auditorium and find the students on their knees before God, in prayer and consecration, seeking a deeper experience in God.

Thus far this year we have had a great time in the Lord. Some of our chapel services have been exceptionally good. Even in our classrooms God has poured out His Spirit. One day in typing class, three girls were saved. Then, the following day, three boys, including me, were gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost in our sociology class. There are times when much of the class periods is spent in prayer and praise to God.

This is my fourth year at Lee College, and I have seen these things happen, and many other similar occurrences. It isn't an accident, but it is the power of the never-changing hand of God. These things have been happening and will continue to occur in the months and years to come. Rev. Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of North Carolina, conducted a gracious revival for us beginning December 3, 1951.

I hope after reading this, you have gained a better understanding of the spiritual side of life at Lee College, and that you will never be heard saying, "Lee College is dead, spiritually."

Remember to always pray for the School and support it in every way you can. It is our school and one of the greatest schools in the world.—Harold L. Chesser, Jr., Lee College Senior.

***** A FEBRUARY SPECIAL

To the first 800 persons sending in a year's subscription to the *Evangel* we are offering, for 50c, *Ever-Ready All-Occasion Sermon Outlines*, compiled by the late E. C. Clark and priced at \$1.00. That is, you can get a year's subscription to the *Evangel*, which is \$1.50, and the \$1.00 sermon outline book, a total value of \$2.50, for only \$2.00. We have only 900 of these books, and to the first 800 we are making this offer. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**

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THEY WRITE ...

THE WAY OUT OF THE DARK

By **WALTER R. PETTITT**, *Overseer of New York and New Jersey*

Men representing thirty-seven million evangelical constituents met in New York City. These men with "the Light" came together from the far corners of America to adopt a budget that will make possible the means for millions to be led "out of the dark."

We (approximately fifty men) were warmly welcomed by the members of the Bible House Staff. Soon we were graciously received into the spacious council room, and the meeting was begun by Secretary Mann. Secretary North, during his discussion on political problems affecting the Bible program, gave us some startling information. Few, if any, Bibles have gotten behind the Iron Curtain around Russia and her satellites during the past three years. A warning was sounded against societies claiming to get Bibles into Russia. Contact with some society representatives in other countries has also been cut off. In some countries they know only that he is alive.

Drama equaling anything in fiction was mine to witness during the meeting. Secretary Collyer was strangely warming our hearts with his fluent discussion of problems created by increasing demands for scriptures abroad. Suddenly the cold, clear, crisp morning air was pierced by the wailing sound of the sirens. This was the signal that un-Bibled, un-evangelized countries had launched their planes laden with death-dealing and devastating atomic bombs. These planes were only three minutes from New York City. It meant that one hundred thousand New Yorkers would die and half a million be injured. It meant that the capital of the world, the seat of the United Nations, this city of stone, steel and glass, would lie in charred, smoldering ruin. Traffic stopped! The streets emptied of any sign of life. The crowded stores now stood like great Egyptian tombs, filled with people, but no sign of life. The subways somehow reminded you of the Roman catacombs and labyrinths in which the Christians would take refuge. Here hundreds of thousands crowded to escape the ravage of war.

How ironical it seemed! In the council room the words came as though they were a great way off—"If we can sow these countries down with Bibles, we shall need have no fear of their bombs." Outside the people were hurrying to shelters and protection from potential planes of these countries. I was shocked to the reality that **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE**. This was just a drill, the only drill we shall have. The next time the sirens wail it will be the **REAL THING**.

Oh, that we could show them "the way out of the dark." The only way



I see is in the words of the American Bible Society motto of a few years ago, "Bibles, not bombs."

The American Bible Society is doing more toward this goal than any church, society, or government that I know. As churches we send out our missionaries and promise to support them. The American Bible Society becomes their strong arm by giving them a Bible, or portion, in the language of the people to whom they are going. They also make available a supply to the missionary. So, when he has taught the native to read in his own language, what better than the Bible can he be given to read?

The Bible, or portions, is now being printed in over one thousand languages. The America Bible Society is now working on nine more translations. One interests me greatly because it is the Haitian-Creole. We need it urgently since we have such a strong work there. We, in the Church of God, cannot do all the work, but we can place a strong support behind a society that is coming so close to getting the job done. General Ridgeway writes that the American Society has placed the Bible, printed in seventeen different languages, in the hands of soliders fighting in Korea from every country of the United Nations.

Truly, **THE BIBLE, NOT BOMBS**, will show the **WORLD "THE WAY OUT OF THE DARK."**

HONESTY

D. H. DELK, Pastor, Brevard, N. C.

Honesty means to be fair in our dealings with others—trusty; to be beautiful in our deeds—not the outward beauty, that which can be put on the outside—Psalm 149:4, "The Lord will beautify the meek (honest) with salvation." Paul, the great apostle, said in Heb. 13:18, "Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things **WILLING TO LIVE HONESTLY**." God forbid that I be a critic or a mote hunter and write things I should not, but if I know anything about the good Book, it certainly teaches honesty. It's sad, but it's true, **TOO MANY OF OUR FOLK** (and many of our preachers) are **NOT WILLING TO LIVE HONESTLY**; they are not willing to come down to their rearing and just plug along with old-fashioned honesty any more. But dishonesty is sin, if it is in a preacher. Sin is sin in satin the same as if it were in rags.

I have been informed by reliable sources that \$90,000 is owing the Publishing House, mostly by preachers. I want to say that I don't know who they are, and I'm not going to try to find out, but this is alarming. It's serious! It's time for some folk to start paying up! Freedom to buy on credit is a wonderful thing, but when freedom is abused, it can become an offense and a stumbling block to others. Take heed that this liberty of yours doesn't become a stumbling block to others. Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not this liberty as an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." This means to acquit yourself of all obligations, but to love and serve others. How can we prove our love to the Church of God if we are dishonest and absorb the profits for which the honest are working so hard? Love worketh no ill to (doesn't willfully put a strain on) his neighbor. A little that a righteous (honest) man has is better than the riches of many wicked (dishonest). Laberius said, "God looks only to the pure, not to the full hands." "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Now in closing, I hope before anyone disregards this, or is offended, that they will earnestly pray and ask themselves this question: "Am I willing to live honestly?" Gal. 4:16, "Am I... become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"

WHY I AM AT I.P.I.

In answer to the question "Why did you come to the International Preparatory Institute?" we received testimonies from which the following excerpts are taken.

"Having received a definite call to Columbia, South America, in January, 1950, I immediately began to desire the guidance of God in my preparation for this work. Although I had come to the conclusion that my formal education would be completed with my Junior College course, at the recommendation of the Missions Board I decided to enroll in the International Preparatory Institute.

"It has not been a regrettable choice, but rather to the contrary. Under the instruction of a consecrated and well-qualified faculty, I feel that we students of the Institute are receiving knowledge that is indispensable in our future work for God and the great cause of missions. I feel that there has been instilled within me, also, a greater desire to adhere to the scripture. 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

"Here, at the International Preparatory Institute, students from some thirteen countries work harmoniously together in preparation to carry out the Master's will for their lives. Thus, I am happy to be a member of such a group."—Paul Marley.

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Why Christmas Was Merry at the Orphanage — Pies, Turkeys, Trees and Gifts for 260 Young



The children of the Orphanage maintained by the Church of God in Sevierville are back in school now, and they are facing new tasks with pleasant recollections of the past holidays season.

Can you imagine having Christmas with 260 children between the ages of 16 months and 18 years? You'd have the time of your life! You couldn't help having the Christmas spirit. It's everywhere!

About a week before Christmas the older boys put a tree on the roof of the Administration Building. Lights were put on the tree, the edge of the roof and the catwalk above.

The main tree was put in the dining room where everyone could see it three times a day. The whole dining room was gay with festive decoration.

Spent in Sevierville Stores

Christmas shopping started the week before Christmas, also. Each child was given money in graduated amounts according to his age. Many of them had earned money from jobs around town, and some had received gifts of money from relatives and friends. In all they must have spent

about \$850, for toys and other things for themselves and friends, in the shops and stores of Sevierville.

On December 21 the girls presented their Christmas program and play. The boys gave theirs December 23. The boys and girls have their programs separately. This encourages friendly competition and harder work. The girls just won't be beaten by the boys, and what boy will let a girl get ahead of him? Both programs were outstanding.

While all the fun was going on, the fine staff of workers was getting the gifts ready. These came from relatives, friends, and churches all over the U.S. The Churches of God all over the U.S. contributed gifts and money for the children's Christmas.

Christmas Scenes

It is quite a job. A list must be kept, with each child's name, so that no one will be left out, or not have enough to make him happy. The toys and gifts are sorted and tagged—a task that keeps workers busy for several days.

Christmas Eve was the biggest time. The dining room was the center of

activity. There were four dozen pies to be baked, and turkeys to be roasted.

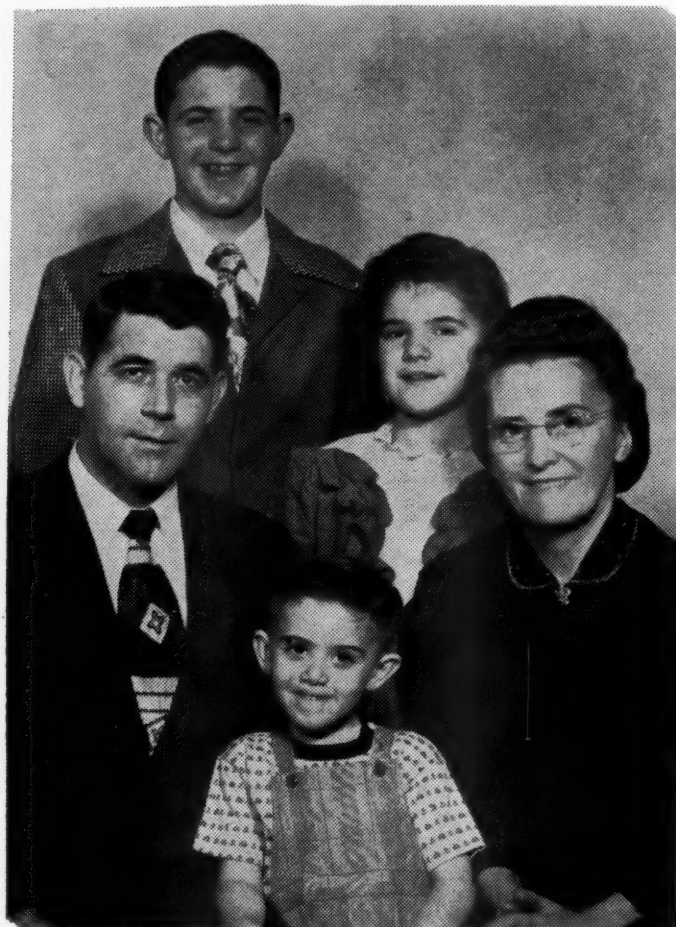
While the girls and some of the boys were cooking, others were carrying gifts of all shapes and sizes to put under the tree for presentation on Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock. Several relatives and friends had gathered to witness this great event. Approximately 1,600 gifts were presented to the children, preceded by a time of fun when several trick-packages were given to some of the workers and older boys and girls. Every girl received a doll, besides gifts of clothing and other toys, while the hearts of the boys were made glad with gifts that suited them. An example of this was a gift of soap and washcloths to the boys who work in the furnace room, with the notation, "Use this."

A happy Christmas Day followed. The traditional Christmas dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings, was served.—*Sevier County News*.

Doctrine is the framework of life—the skeleton of truth—to be clothed and rounded out by the living grace of a holy life.—A. J. Gordon.

MISSIONS...

By Rev. M. W. Patterson, Findlay, Ohio



Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Patterson and Children

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:13, 14, 15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

On Wednesday evening, October 31, I began the most wonderful experience of my life since I have known the Lord. I left my church, home, friends, wife, and children and made the tour

to the islands of the West Indies. If my going to these various fields has been or will be a blessing, I am sure my wife, my children, and my church will share with me the reward.

When I arrived in Miami, Florida, I found the Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Stoppe and son, Richard, who are now serving as missionaries in the West Indies. Brother and Sister Stoppe shared with me their home, time, and work. I am very thankful for their hospitality and trust the blessings of the Lord may be with them in their work. My soul was lifted with joy when Brother Stoppe and I went to the Eastern Shipping Company, Pier 3, and saw the great stack of boxes and barrels

that were on the pier waiting to be shipped to Jamaica. There were at least 1,000 or more parcel post packages, barrels, etc. Thank God for the great response from the Church of God people in the States.

PUERTO RICO

On Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., I flew from Miami, Florida, to Puerto Rico. Upon my arrival at 9:30, I found awaiting me the overseer of the Island, Brother Antonio Collazo, and his Sunday School superintendent of the San Juan local church. They extended to me a warm Christian welcome, which was appreciated. I found the work progressing under the leadership of the island overseer, and was much pleased with the services I was privileged to attend. I spoke to the headquarter's church in San Juan on Sunday evening. We had a great crowd and a nice response to the message. Later in the afternoon, Brother Collazo and I went out into the city and countryside of the Island, and I must say that the population of the Island and the conditions in general make me to know that there is a need for the gospel. All that I could see was people! people! people! We arrived in the mountains and walked into a tiny church that had just been completed. Within a few seconds people began to come into the church. Had I begun to sing or preach, it would have been filled in a little while. Where the people came from and lived is beyond me. I am sure that from our school in Texas there will be several boys and girls who will give their lifework for Puerto Rico. Brother Santani is now a student in the school, and he will, perhaps, return to the Island next year. My prayer is that God will give a great harvest in Puerto Rico.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I flew from Puerto Rico to the Dominican Republic and there had the privilege of being with Brother and Sister James Beaty for a few hours and seeing the progress they are making for the Lord in this particular field. Grass did not grow under my feet though I had only a short time to stay. Brother Beaty, with the old jeep that is about to fall apart, did an excellent job in showing me as much of the work as possible. Our work, as you know, is not too large—only about 400 members; however, I believe there is a steady growth, and I hope in the near future to hear of a great outpouring of the Spirit in the

Dominican. Brother Beaty arranged a meeting for me in Ciudad Trujillo. The church was packed, and many were standing in the door to hear the gospel of our Saviour. After all of these years that the poor people have paid rent on the church, the landlord demanded them to move. They were at a loss as to what they should do since their new building was not completed. Unless someone responds to this need in Ciudad Trujillo for funds to complete their church, we will suffer great loss in this town. The following morning, after I preached in this building, Brother Beaty and I went to the church, and the seats, platform, and pulpit had been moved. I said, "Thank God I preached at least one sermon in the building before the devil took it over." Those precious people moved into another building that has neither window nor opening other than the door in the front and a small door in the rear of the room. This will be the place those hungry hearts will have to endure until someone gives them help to complete their new church. Our missionaries, Brother and Sister Beaty, are at their best for the progress of the work. They are working untiringly on the new mission home that will soon be finished. Brother Beaty has worked with the natives on this project, and I am sure when you see the structure and surroundings you will appreciate our new mission home in the Dominican Republic.

HAITI

This particular field is a field that is well known by many of our workers on the field; however, I don't believe you will ever realize the primitive conditions in Haiti until each one sees them for himself. Brother and Sister Herbert Walker seem to be very enthusiastic about the work in Haiti. Sister Odine Morse is also doing a good work in this field. I preached in Fort Marchland to a very fine group of people, and many came to the altar seeking the Lord. I also preached in the large church in Port-au-Prince, with 1,000 or 1,200 in attendance, and many come to the altar. Brother LaCombe is doing a fine work there. I was informed that we have over 6,000 members in Haiti and 17,000 nonbaptized believers. Many of these have been delivered from sin and evil in the last two or three years. The memorial churches that are being erected in the Island are certainly a blessing. I believe that if Brother

Walker could get more memorial churches, the work would grow in a greater way. It looks as if we should be able to take the entire Island for the Church of God if more money and buildings could be given. Brother Walker told me that where we are able to get a building, we are always able to get a church, and that our churches are not too solid until we do get a building. The building really establishes the people in Haiti. These poor poverty-stricken people are certainly hungry for the gospel that the Church of God brings.

JAMAICA

Upon the arrival in Jamaica, Brother and Sister Brummett met me at the airport, and we began to see some of the destruction of the hurricane that struck this island a few months ago. To my surprise, the people have not as yet been able to adjust themselves from this storm. The first evening I was in Jamaica Brother Brummett arranged for a meeting at the little church in Heartease. This is the community where every house was destroyed except one-half of a home. When I arrived at Heartease, all I saw was a few flickering lights and hardly realized that I actually was in a community. The little humble church that Elder Gooden and his people pieced together was not much; however, I rejoice to say that the State of West Virginia is sending money to build a memorial church in this community. It rained the night I preached there, and only about thirty people were present, but we certainly thank God that four came and received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

The convention in Cascade was wonderful. The attendance was great, and at least 100 came to the altar for salvation, for which we thank God. This is the first time in my ministry that someone had to make a path and lead me through the back door to get to the pulpit. For a while it looked as if I would not be able to get to the building. There was hardly enough room for me to stand and deliver the message; however, God was there in a great way. People were packed into this building, but they sat for hours to hear the songs and the gospel. Children sat for hours on a hard plank without even a back to rest themselves. Such respect and reverence was shown that I am persuaded if those precious people could respect the house of God in such a

manner, we should do even more in our churches in America.

Nearly every church in the Island was damaged by the hurricane to some degree. Yet the men and elders of the Island have buckled down to hard work, and are pleading for a few pounds that they might be able to rebuild their churches.

One little church I visited, on the top of the mountain, was destroyed with the exception of the foundation, platform, and pulpit. I stood there and thought how wonderful that this spot had survived the storm.

Some of you may have seen sights as terrible as those of which I am about to tell, but it was my first time to witness such. I learned that in Kingston there was a place called Trench Town where people were actually starving to death. It was described by the Times staff reporter as: STARVATION? HOG-LIFE IN SUFFERERS' TENTS. Never before had I witnessed such human suffering. These people were living in tents that were given to them by the Government. There were no beds, nor even a decent place to lie down to await death from hunger. In this particular place there were estimated 120 two-month-old children, 180 nine-month-old children, and 300 two- and three-year-old children bundled together in filth and rags. Bro. Brummett and I went through this village, but I didn't realize the danger until we were home. We talked to the great number of starving people and each one told his story along with some of the meanest men in the Island. I listened to the story of the grandmother of the boy that had just died. I saw the two little sisters of the boy that starved to death, and I was unable to hold my emotions any longer. The tears began to stream down my cheeks, and the presence of God seemed so near. I raised my hands toward heaven and called upon God to extend mercy to these poor people. While I was praying, all I could hear coming from the great number of people was the walling cries of those who perhaps had faith in God. They would say, "O God, do have mercy upon us." No doubt, there were many in the tent village who were Christians. After I had prayed, they told me that we were the first ones that had offered prayer since the storm. I actually saw women fighting over a penny or a shilling.

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OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS

ALMA, Ga.—We have recently had a revival with Brother and Sister Kelland Jeffords doing the preaching. The Lord certainly did bless in every service. Several nights in the meeting the Holy Ghost took over, and God did great things for us. There were 15 saved, 7 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and there will be some to come into the church. Anyone will do good to contact Brother and Sister Jeffords for a revival.—Cecil Wheeler, Pastor; Mrs. Cecil Wheeler, Reporter.

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—We have had one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God here in Thomasville. Rev. A. C. McKaig was the evangelist, and we feel that he was at his best preaching the Word and praying for the sick. Many were healed. There were approximately 110 saved, quite a number sanctified, 46 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 26 added to the church. The membership has doubled since Rev. M. B. Breland came to this church. We do praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife. They are always on the move ready to lend a helping hand to every need. The revival was a blessing to churches of other denominations and will long be remembered.—Gladys Smith, Church Reporter.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—The Battle Creek Church is on the move for God. Brother A. H. Tribble conducted a 3 weeks' revival in which there were 11 saved, 3 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. This is a new work; it has been only 3 years and 3 months since we started. We have a beautiful church and have recently bought a new piano. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Ralph E. Day, and his family.—Nellie Phillips.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—We have had a very successful revival at the Meridian Street Church of God with C. B. Donahue, of Chattanooga, Tenn., as the evangelist. Brother Donahue was at his characteristic best and proved a great blessing in his preaching to the church, as well as his evangelistic messages. There were 14 saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 17 added to the church (5 by transfer). The meeting closed at high tide Sunday night, December 16, with a torrential downpour of the Spirit.—W. J. (Bill) Brown, Pastor.

SPARTA, Tenn.—We have had a successful revival with Rev. A. J. Swift as the evangelist. Five were saved, 4 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Swift will be a blessing to any church.—J. S. Black, Pastor.

BOWERSVILLE, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the good 2 weeks' revival at Bowersville. God blessed and con-

firmed His Word with signs following. There were many wonderful healings during the revival. One outstanding healing was a woman who had been paralyzed. There were 12 saved, some sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with shouts of victory until late in the night. Rev. Sammie Willis is pastor there, and he and the church stood by me in every way. My next revival will be at Belton, S. C.—Evangelist Myrtle Whitehead, 308 Vickery St., Hartwell, Ga.

WURLAND, Ky.—Starting November 11, a wonderful revival was conducted here by Rev. Raymond Gabbard, of East Bernstadt, Ky., for two weeks, during which time 4 precious souls were saved, 1 sanctified, and 5 added to the church. The church was greatly blessed to have Brother Gabbard with us. He is a young man of 19 years and has a great zeal for God and His cause. Brother Gabbard is a great blessing among the youth, and we are more than glad that he came our way.—W. G. Lighte, Pastor.

NOTICES

The Toney Trio has signed a contract with Gotham Recording Co. Their first release will be "Looking for My Jesus," "I'm Ready," "A City in the Sky," and "Touch Me, Lord Jesus." These songs are also in sheet music form, with the Toney Trio's picture on the front cover. The first three songs are composed by Russell W. Toney. The records and sheet music can be found in your music or record shop.

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Alabama	2,254	New Jersey	40
Arizona	96	New Mexico	177
Arkansas	330	New York	41
California	441	North Carolina	4,467
Colorado	23	North Dakota	84
Connecticut	6	Ohio	816
Delaware	55	Oklahoma	399
Florida	1,726	Oregon	44
Georgia	3,607	Pennsylvania	661
Idaho	48	Rhode Island	2
Illinois	581	South Carolina	2,499
Indiana	232	South Dakota	71
Iowa	92	Tennessee	1,834
Kansas	165	Texas	676
Kentucky	595	Virginia	1,084
Louisiana	343	Utah	1
Maine	93	Washington	74
Maryland	278	Washington, D. C.	23
Massachusetts	13	West Virginia	1,696
Michigan	427	Wisconsin	45
Minnesota	43	Wyoming	4
Mississippi	568	Foreign	397
Missouri	305	Central Canada	14
Montana	58	Western Canada	63
Nebraska	27	Over Seas	
Nevada	16	Servicemen	84
New Hampshire	1	TOTAL	27,719

THOSE SENDING IN FOUR OR MORE EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS January 1-4, 1952

M. H. Parmer, Colquitt, Ga.	4
Manuel F. Campbell, Somerset, Ky.	120
E. W. Carden, Carmi, Ill.	5
J. W. Leatherwood, Covington, La.	5
Lyle Jackson Muskegon, Mich.	6
Russell A. Tedder, Fayetteville, N. C.	10
M. E. William, Dunedin, Fla.	5
L. J. Fowler, McComb City, Miss.	5
Mrs. Logan Silvers, Indianapolis, Ind.	6
C. G. Carder, Toledo, Ohio	6
Anne Glow, St. Petersburg, Fla.	5
C. W. Barnes, Greenville, S. C.	4
Julius Spell, Covington, La.	7
Mrs. T. L. Little, Washington, N. C.	4
Paul Brady, Marion, S. C.	20
A. L. Hewett, New Port, N. C.	8
V. B. Rains, Chattanooga, Tenn.	4
Mrs. R. A. Taylor, Laurens, S. C.	6
James Brown, Carrollton, Ga.	4
Harry Dingess, Edgerton, W. Va.	4
Charles W. Clayton, Summerville, Ga.	54
Mrs. Wilton Jenkins, Burkeville, Va.	5
A. V. Beaubé, Cleveland, Tenn.	4
H. W. Fricks, Talking Rock, Ga.	8
Mrs. A. V. Beaubé, Cleveland, Tenn.	9
Archie A. Tripp, Almo, Ky.	4
A. Newton, Wilcox, W. Va.	1
G. F. Dempsey, Langley, S. C.	5
Mrs. Pearl Hinton, Hattiesburg, Miss.	8
Ottis Carter, Vanceburg, Ky.	4
J. A. Clements, Hazlehurst, Ga.	10
N. J. Blair, Sophia, W. Va.	11
J. B. Cole, Clinton, S. C.	4
J. L. Holland, Bennettsville, S. C.	4
Mrs. D. B. Price, Gainesville, Fla.	4
C. W. Kendall, Covington, La.	4
J. F. Melton, Rock Hill, S. C.	5
C. J. Abbott, Bridgeville, Dela.	4
Thomas Shoemaker, Monroe, La.	5
O. B. Graham, Columbia, S. C.	5

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

Our son who is in the service.—Mrs. T. L. Little, Farmville, N. C.
The healing of my body.—Velma Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.
My companion to be saved; a friend of mine to be saved and healed; my mother.—A reader, Hammond, Ind.
My head and neck.—Mrs. Claude Frece, Scottsboro, Ala.
God to undertake for my dad and our home which is about broken up.—A sister.
The healing of my body and for me to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister, Munday, Texas.

Rev. J. R. Davis who is in the Battey State Hospital, Rome, Ga. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who would care to write and also a visit from his friends passing through Rome.

The Church of God that has just been started at Velasco, Texas.—Sister Lue James.

My children to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my wife to receive the Holy Ghost.—C. D. Postlewait, Freedom, Pa.

My son, Pvt. John Walter Lee, who is in Korea; another son who will soon have to go to the service.—Mrs. Leola Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

MISSIONS...

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They said they could buy a piece of bread with a penny. Our car was surrounded with these people so that it was almost impossible for us to get into the car, and upon our departure it looked as if a thousand hands extended through the windows of the car crying and begging for help or a penny to buy a piece of bread. I am conscious of the fact that we are unable to feed all these destitute, naked, poor, hungry people, and I know that unless their government sends help to them at once, a thousand or more people in Trench Town will die of starvation within a few weeks. I know that we as members and ministers *can* and *will* support the mission cause to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into the hearts and lives of these people. Perhaps it would not be so bad for them to die of hunger if we had the assurance we had done our best to send them the gospel and they were ready to meet the Lord.

THE PATTERN FOR PERSONAL PENTECOST

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pecting any moment to have things opened unto us, and are expecting to receive, what else is there to do but praise God? In fact, this is pretty well the pattern for all answered prayer.

1. Believe it is for us, according to revelation and reason.
2. Ask personally for it.
3. Meet all known conditions, with complete submission to God.
4. Be willing to obey anything He may ask us to do.
5. Praise. Someone said, "Prayer ASKS; praise ACCEPTS."

Friends, if you want your personal Pentecost, why seek to get it in some other way than this? I know this way works. I know it by every means I can know anything: 1. I read it in the Bible. 2. I sought the experience the Bible way and got the blessing. 3. I have heard thousands testify that they received the blessing the very same way, and these folk show by a life of integrity above reproach that their word is trustworthy.

Thank God, there is no doubt about our pattern. Peter said in the 39th verse, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." I know this is for me if anything in the whole Bible is

for me. Let Him come in today. He will speak according to our pattern, "and begin to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:4. Oh what a wonderful experience! Thank God, He not only had a few personal Pentecosts for a favored few folk, but there is one somewhere for every one of God's people. **DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU UNTIL YOU GET THERE!**

THEY WRITE...

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"In the month of February, 1951, I received a definite call from the Lord to the mission field and although I had always had a desire for lost souls, I felt my inability to bring them to the Lord. Now it is my intention to prepare myself for such a task.

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Special Request For Prayer

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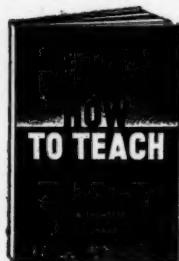
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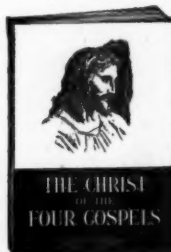
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